

ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SESSION: 4

L.C.Q.No.1394(Starred)

Notice given by
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Will the Minister for Forest, Environment, Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the plastic waste is causing degradation of environment due to its indiscriminate usage and disposal;
- b) If so, the action taken in the matter; and
- c) whether there is any action plan for prohibition of plastics in certain areas such as pilgrim centers, Zoo parks, tourist places etc. ?

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- a) Yes Sir.
- b) The Government of India has notified the Plastics Manufacture, Sale and Usage Rules 1999 under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 on 02-09-1999, to regulate the manufacture and use of recycled plastics carry bags and containers. Accordingly, the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has issued G.O.Ms.No.25, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, dated 30.3.2001 by prescribing authorities for enforcement of various provisions of the above Rules and levy of penalties for violation of provisions of the Rules.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O Ms. 158, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, dated:04-04-2006 constituted the District Level Task Force Committee under the Chairmanship of District Collector to effectively organize, supervise and monitor the enforcement of the Plastics Rules.

The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board is regularly monitoring the plastics units to verify the compliance with the Plastics Rules, and conducted 1623 inspections during the period from April 2006 to August 2008 and imposed penalty of Rs.25,000/- each on 18 defaulting plastic units and Rs.50,000/- on one unit for manufacturing carry bags of less than 20 micron thickness.

- c) Yes, Sir.
 - i) The Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department has issued orders vide G.O.Ms.No.158, dated:4-4-2006, banning the sale and usage of plastic carry bags less than 20 microns in thickness within the Urban Local Bodies.
 - ii) Accordingly, District Level Task Force Committee was constituted in each district with the District Collector as Chairman for effective implementation of Rules.

(THE ABOVE ANSWER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR FORESTS, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)

for SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Secretary to State Legislature, Legislative (Council Questions) Department.
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (S&T) Department.
General Administration (C) Department.

The Member Secretary, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad.

P.S. to M(F&E).

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